GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5221
ANSWERED ON:25.04.2003
DEMAND OF HANDICRAFTS
PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have assessed the increasing demand of Indian handicrafts items;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the country-wise details regarding demand of Indian handicrafts during each of the last three years;

(d) the names of the handicraft items included in the list of high-demand markets;

(e) whether the demand for handicrafts had risen in domestic market and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The assessment of increase in demand of Indian handicrafts items including hand-knotted carpets are periodically made by the Government through Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH), and Carpet Export Promotion Council on the basis of export order received by the exporters through participation in various fairs festivals within the country and abroad as well as on the basis of export data compiled from Foreign Trade Statistics (Principal Commodities of countries) published by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkatta.

(c): The export of handicrafts including hand-knotted carpets during the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 has been to the tune of Rs.9270.50 crores, Rs.9205.63 crores and Rs.10933.67 crores respectively. The country-wise exports of handicrafts including hand-knotted carpets during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 is as per Annexure-I attached. The country-wise export figures for the year 2002-03 is not available due to non-availability of printed data compiled by Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Kolkatta.

(d): The names of handicrafts items which are in the list of high demand markets are embroidered and crocheted goods, artmetal ware, shawls as artware, handprinted textiles & scarves, zari & zari goods and imitation jewellery etc.

(e) & (f): No hard data is available on domestic consumption of handicrafts items. However the sub-group on handicrafts for 10th Five Year Plan has estimated that during the 9th Plan, the domestic market grew from Rs.4535.95 crores in the year 1997-98 to Rs.7069.94 crores in the year 2000-01 showing an increase of 14%.

Annexure-I

Annexure-I referred to in reply to part (C) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.5221 for answer on 25.4.2003

Country-wise exports of Handicrafts including hand-knotted carpets

(Rs. In crores)

S.No. Name of the Country 2000-2001 2001-2002

1. Australia 141.37 127.55

2. Canada 277.12 265.74

3. France	388.62	369.94
4. Germany	1309.05	1331.02
5. Italy	285.91	274.39
6. Japan	310.40	291.40
7 Netherland	216.89	204.53
8. Saudi Arabia	161.30	159.65
9. Switzerland	126.97	165.12
10. U.S.A.	3166.85	3189.87
11. U.K.	875.86	877.34
12. Other countries	2010.17	1958.08
Total:-	9270.50	9205.63